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WORLD CAPITALISM ON DECLINE AS WORKERS SWING TO LEFT

THE lines throughout the world are being more solidly drawn between the revolutionary forces at work against capitalism and the forces of reaction. The prime motive of the Locarno "security" pact was the united front of the capitalist nations against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics which is continually growing, gaining strength and is now a powerful factor in world trade, diplomacy, as the leader of the struggles of the oppressed colonials and as the guiding spirit of the struggling revo**lutionary** proletariat.

The intense contradictions existing between the various capitalist groupings is already making itself felt and will serve as a powerful factor in retarding the united offensive against the workers' rule in Red Russia. The situation in China, in Syria, the present struggle over oil in the Near East, the severe financial and ministerial crisis in France, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, a world crisis in the coal, iron, steel, ship building and shipping industries, are hastening the decay of the capitalist rule.

'OIL' IS NOT WELL

GENEVA, Switzerland .-- Important events are taking place in the near east which have within themselves the kernel of the next imperialist world war. This time it is the struggle over oil. The council of the League of Nations has definitely awarded Mosul to Irak. This territory is under the mandate of British imperialism. The decision of the League of Nations simply means that the Mosul oil fields have been handed over to British imperialism.

Turkey has already sent an official letter to the League of Nations' council announcing its refusal to recognize the League's authority. Great Britain will insist upon the League of Nations enforcing its decision, which means that the other capitalist nations are required to help Britain trottle Turkey.

Turkey is already preparing for war, tinople while Great Britain has been time. Thus when the ink on the Locarno pact is hardly dry "the security for peace" shows its true colors as

French Crisis Grows Acute

Finance Minister Vacates

PARIS, France-Things are moving very rapid here. Just a short time national. ago the Left Bloc which won in the last election was completely disrupted because of the various discordant elements composing it. Then Painleve rode into power and just as quickly rode out again, on the wave of the financiai crisis. Then the Briand cabinet was set up with M. Loucheur as the finance minister

The deep going financial crisis was not solved by Briand government. titude of the big capitalists of this prove our conditions especially Loucheur as well as the Briand cab- country to the world situation. Among inet are known to be in a conspiracy other things Locarno is O. K. because to ruin the franc in order to wipe out the American bankers welcome any the internal debt so that outside cap- move towards the rehabilitation of ital will invest in the country's indus- Europe in order to safeguard the intries. On the other hand the capital vestments of Morgan there. Then levy proposed by the Herriot group there is the pious attitude towards will work to the advantage of the big China. Kellogg expresses the hope capitalists by imposing such tax bur- that China will realize her aspirations dens upon the small fry that they will be ruined.

There was cry in the nationalist pap- there and keeping its gunboats runers for a fascist dictatorship. Lou- ning up and down the Chinese rivers cheur was forced to leave and Paul to safeguard its investments. The

MELLA'S 14TH DAY ON HUNGER the debt policy is: Pay up on our con-

The strike against the big American owned sugar centrals in Cuba stiil goes on, despite the repressive that they preach "anarchy and bolmeasures of the government. Military "supervisors" have been placed at all strategic points of the affected district. Some of the centrals (or grinding mills) have regular detachments of soldiers assigned to them.

Julio A. Mella, general secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba who was arrested together with others at the behest of the American sugar trust, is entering upon the fourteenth day of his hunger strike.

Manuel Gomez, secretary of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League tests against their poor conditions. stated: "It makes urgently necessary a united front between all the oppressed peoples of the 'American Empire' with the forward looking workers of the United States against the ever widening menace of American imperialism."

The present world situation breaths with the steady radicalization of the world proletariat. There is a steady and consistent move to the left on the part of the proletariats of a whole NEAR EAST host of nations. What else can the powerful movement for World Trade Union Unity signify, the start made by the locking of hands between the Mosul Handed to Britain millions of trade unionists in Grea Britain and in the Soviet Union What a mighty factor in this regard is the steading stream of young and adult workers delegations to the Soviet Union, many of which are social democratic workers, who repudiate

> land of workers' rule. The recent elections thruout Europe showed a definite swing towards the left of the workers in Great Britain Germany, Switzerland, Latvia, Belgium and Czecho-Slovakia. In Czecho-Slovakia alone the Communists polled close to a million votes and proved the second strongest (some estimates say the strongest) party in the elections. In the Berlin municipal elections the Communists more than doubled their vote and have now 43 instead of 23 representatives.

the leaders of Social Democracy and

spread the message of the steady

growth towards Communism in the

In the United States we see the signs of this development. The swing according to reports from Constantowards the left in the Needle trades, the developing militant attitude of the expecting this little oil grab for some 150,000 striking hard coal miners, the progress of the united front committees in the Textile industry, the growing sentiment for American workers the step towards the next world war. delegations to the Soviet Union, and the growing sentiment for the protection of the Foreign born workers against the Coolidge policies and the growing strength of the movement for the creation of a Labor Party separate and apart from the capitalist proves the correctness of the United front tactic of the Communist Inter-

KELLOGG SPEECH IS MORGAN

for freedom from unequal treaties. Of course, American capitalism can Things became too hot for Loucheur. | control China by investing its capital the Chinese workers and peasants.

The keynote of the attitude towards ditions and we will be glad to give you loans and thus place you further in debt to us. Last but not least, the policy of excluding persons who wish to enter this country on the grounds shevism" will be rigidly enforced.

Mussolini Law Ties Up Labor's Hands

ROME-As a first step towards internal peace during the next imperiaist war Mussolini wants to tie up the workers in the factoris and of the farms in such a way that they will not be able to make even meek pro-That is the full intent behind the Syndicalist Bill which provides for the compulsory arbitration of labor disputes in all branches of production, the big industries.

WORK FOR YOUTH CONFERENCE BEGUN



To All Young Workers in East Ohio and Vicinity

THE conditions of the young workers are rapidly growing worse. This is especially true of the mining industry. While the companies' profits continue to increase, the conditions under which the young miners work, become ever harder to bear. What is the cause of this?

As a result of separate wage agreements in the hard and soft coal fields, the miners are divided in their struggle against the coal operators. The operators are steadily moving the base of their operations into the non-union fields of the south. Three years ago, 70 per cent of the soft coa was mined in unionized fields. Today only 27 per cent of the soft coal is mined in union fields.

Similar conditions are taking place today in the U. M. W. A. of the soft coal fields as tool place in the Western Federation of Miners, years ago. The industry is gradually becoming trustified, and this change in the base of operations is only one of the moves of the operators to break the union. Today not even the name of the W. F. of M. remains, and the mining unions of the west are demoralized. Unless the miners of the middle states, of the east and the south, take drastic measures in behalf of their union, to meet the onslaughts of the trusts, the U. M. W. A. will eventually find itself in the same position as the W. F. of M.

AT such a time Coolidge comes forward and states, "It is gratifying to report that the general condition is one of progress and prosperity." Such talk to the miners who get 2 and 3 days' work per week is nonsense. You young miners compose 20 per cent of the industry. Your conditions and wages are worse than the adult miner, and yet you receive little attention.

A large number of you are employed as trappers, couplers, slate pickers, greasers, etc. You are subject to a speed-up system by the boss. Because of neglect in keeping roads clean, entries full days work. timbered and other such things, are regularly falling victim to accidents. Your wages are in the most cases lower than even the company hand. Your youth is not taken into consideration, and parties. This development once again the hard work, unhealthy conditions, small pay, no vacations and being unable to attend school because of lack of funds will have its effect upon you later in life.

CONSIDERING these things, the Young Workers League, an organization of young workers in all industries sees the need and calls for a YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE where we will discuss the best solution for our problems. At this conference we must raise and fight for a series of demands which will protect the young worker and at the same time strengthen the workers' organization as a whole.

The concerted drive of the bosses on the workers; the experience of the miners and other NEW YORK CITY—The speech of workers; the unorganized conditions of the working class while the bosses are well organized, is W. A. Secretary Frank B. Kellogg here on forcing the workers to unite their forces into an effective weapon, with which to fight back. This the foreign policy of the Coolidge ad is taking the form of a Labor Party. The young workers must find ways and means to strengthen ministration clearly showed the at the movement for a separate party of labor and also for the setting up of such demands as will im-

> THE bosses are not only organized as a single group in one country, but also on an international scale. We must learn from the experience of the British workers. When the coal operators tried to reduce their wages they presented a solid front to the boss and defeated his purpose. This splendid example in defense of the miners has made the British miners the champion of unity of the workers' forces, not alone in one country, but in all countries. The need of the hour is—World Trade Union Unity.

> The young miners, especially of Eastern Ohio and vicinity district, must realize the need of strengthening the resisting power of the miners as a whole. You must be ready to resist any attemps of the operators to take away what the union has won through long years of fighting. At the same time you must find the most effective way to improve and better your own conditions.

THE young miners must send delegates to attend the YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE in full ized young workers. force. From now on, till the third week in February, you must discuss and interest all the Doumer took his place. The crisis United States therefore does not need young miners in the conference. During the last week in February you must call meetings of the is not solved and is growing more to gobble up territory in China in young workers in the shops and the young miners in each pit and elect your delegates to the conorder to continue its exploitation of ference. You must receive the support of your local union for the conference and have them send a delegate also.

This conference must be a representative one of every young worker in the district. You must be prepared to discuss and report on the conditions in your pit, shop or factory and what demands you wish to fight for.

THE adult workers must support this conference, as the conditions of the young workers are the concern of all the workers. It must discuss the youth problems so as to strengthen the workunions as a whole

The YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE will be held in Bellaire during the last week of Feb- Japanese Forces Enter Manruary, 1926.

> THE YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE. Arrangements Committee.

Get further information by writing to Geo. Papcun, Secretary Arrangements Committee, Young Workers' Convery meagre. According to advices ers, on behalf of the youth demands. ference, 805 James Street, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Anthracite Strike

By Young Worker Correspondent. situation is now getting more acute. including agriculture. The law was Relief is the main topic of discussion leclared acceptable to the bosses in in the local unions. In Edwardsville mittee met the other day to see what out the maintenance men is meeting Since then, however, Japan has openly them represented at the first Young a soup kitchen was established and is can be done in Wilkes-Barre and vi- with the approval of many miners.

Growing Militancy in claimed to be the first of its kind in the Anthracite. Cappellini, Lewis and which are still being produced in the Co. threaten the revocation of the lo- washeries. It was agreed that every for relief. This is done in order to situation. At the same meeting a letdiscourage the rank and file so that ter was read from the district that the fourth month of the strike and the chot when they are put up to the con- this body. This will help the growing vention for ratification.

militant stand of the rank and file

Pit and Shop Meetings to Discuss Delegate Elections

The YOUNG WORKERS' CONFERENCE to be held in Eastern Ohio, is a definite sign of the awakening of the young workers of America to a recognition of the discriminary conditions under which they labor. It is easily understood why the young workers of this section should be amongst the first to gather together in such a conference to discuss their conditions.

In this section, coal mining is the principal Industry. A large number of the coal miners are young workers. They have been going through a period of semi-employment, similar to the rest of the soft-coal Industry for many months.

Proposed Demands for Young Workers Conference in E. Ohio

For All Young Workers.

- 1. A six hour day, five day week, with no night work or overtime, Exception to be made only in case of mergencies in the mines, said emergency to be understood as when mine yould be unable to work next day. Overtime must be paid at time and a half rate
- 2. Establishment of work school for young workers, to be financed by the bosses and supervised by the
- ?. Two weeks vacation with pay each year for all young workers under 18 years of age

For All Young Miners.

- 1. All tracks, roadways and manoles to be kept clean; timbering and viring to be kept in shape to avoice eccidents. No loader to be respon sible for this work but it should be done by day men.
- 2. Equal wages for trappers, coup lers, greasers, car cleaners or slat nickers, to correspond with adult company hands, either inside or outside.
- 3. Abolition of the tonnage system and institution of straight day wages and weekly pay.
- 4. A minimum wage of \$7.50 for all workers in the mines, if thru no cause of their own, they do not receive a
- 5. Wash houses and individual to be supplied free
- 6. Provision by company of pit clothes whenever necessary.
- 7. Unemployment benefits to be paid during shutdowns at prevailing coal or slate and fall, throwing au union wages from special funds to be arm or a leg under a moving trip, established by setting aside part of profits of coal operators, this fund to be supervised by local union of U. M.
- 8. Two rooms for two miners in machine work in room and pillar.
- 9. Men to be transported to and in it." (From a young miner in Ohio). from work when entry is over half mile long.
- 10. All tools, powder and implements necessary shall be furnished free by the company.
- dues be one half of the regular amount ations in the district.
- and full rights and benefits be given. 12. The central labor bodies and learned by experience that the situalocal unions must energetically under-tion in the soft coal industry, where take the organization of the unorgan- the bosses thru trustification schemes
- 13. Abolition of the automatic penalty clause.

General Demands.

- 1. Free the Moundsville Prisoners and Domenick Ventureta.
- 2. For a Labor Party. 3. For World Trade Union Unity,

KUO ENTERS CHWANG

churia

ing. This town is about 125 miles fying the bond between the young and southwest of Mukden, the capital of adult workers. cal union charters if funds are used calculated by the fundamental continuous c the Japanese imperialists. Former the first of its kind in America, means reports showed that both Feng and WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—This is the they will accept the proposals of Pin- district executive board "outlawed" Kuo were marching on Mukden with of class consciousness among the possibilities of success since the young American workers. forces of Chang Tso-Lin (Japanese in-The Wilkes-Barre Grievance Com- miners. Already the stogan of calling terests) were completely routed, reach every young worker and have moved its troops thru Manchuria.

Poor Wages

very poor wages. The tonnage men receive only 78 cents per ton, and without receiving any additional wages, have to remove about a foot of slate. They also have to set posts and lay tracks, all of which takes a considerable time, without receiving any extra compensation.

Even when working, they receive

Most of the young workers are employed as motormen, trip-riders, drivers, door tenders and other such work which requires ability to work very fast. Their work is very dangerous and many accidents occur frequently.

A young miner from this district tums up the situation in the follow ng language:

Conditions in Ohio Mines.

"The conditions of the young miners n the union fields are much better n the union mines than in the nonmion. The only reason for this is he protection of the union. But lespite this protection the coal oprators have succeeded in starting a peed-up system in the mines that ven Henry Ford would have a hard ime to beat. A large percentage of he young workers are employed at auling coal either with motors on which two men must work or with mules.

The companies have gradually given them more miners to haul from and still expect to get out the same amount of coal as before. In order to cut down expenses they are neglecting to keep the roads clean and are not timbering the entries.

"This allows the roof to come in nd then only when the track is so dirty that it is impossible to get over it, will they clean it. This is dangerous as the brakemen are almost always running beside the trips and it is very easy to slip on a piece of "Also where the hauling is done by

motors the trolley wire is usually loose. A little fall from the roof will tear down 150 or 200 feet of it. To get hit by this wire means instant. death as there is from 250 to 500 volts

Character of Conferences.

This conference of the young workers, must deal especially with these conditions of the young miners. The 11. From the U. M. W. A. we want | demands being proposed by the Young that for all young workers under 21 Workers League for this conference years of age the initiation fees and to adopt, are based on the actual situ-

The miners of this district have in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, are gradually moving the base of the soft coal mining into the nonunion territory has one object in mind-to break up the miners union. This must be met by a determined

attitude on the part of the miners, young and old. This conference must mobilize all the young workers and especially the young miners of East Ohio, Northern West Virginia and a section of W.

Pennsylvania, United Action Youth-Adult.

Such a conference will brace up the entire labor movement. The key SHANGHAI, China-Reports com- note of the conference must be uning in from the Mukden territory are ited action by young and adult workthe troops of General Kuo Sung-Ling, The unions of the workers must be ally of Feng Hu-Hsiang (sympathetic strengthened by the union devoting to national revolutionary forces) has greater attention to the conditions entered New Chwang without fight- of the young workers and thus solidi-

> This conference of young workers. a big step forward in the awakening

Nothing should be left undone to Workers Conference in America.

BROTHERLY LOVE (?) AT I. L. G. W. MEET

Reveiwed by Young Communist Delegate

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-From the first day of the convention of the In ternational Ladies Garment Workers Union the machine group informed us that they intend to conduct the convention in the spirit of brotherly love in accordance with the spirit prevailing in this city. It was also stated in town. The official machine made good its promise. They gave us the same quality of brotherly love that the liberty bell is made of. But the young workers must remember that the liberty bell is not what it is cracked up to be.

Prominent Phrase Shooters.

From the first day they had speeches from the most prominent phrase shooters in the American labor movement. As usual the actions of these speakers were contrary to their beau-1...ul speeches.

They began by telling us that they want harmony and unity and immediately proved what quality their promises were mad of by the report of the credentials committee. The report took objections to locals 2, 9, and 22 with whom they had already concluded a unity agreement. This unity demonstration was followed by

They began objecting to one after the other of our delegates for various Climsy reasons, such as daring to call an official of the young a crook, dar- Our left wing workers one after the ing to revolt against the appointment of officers and even objecting to one not being a perfect Communist. This was all done for the sake of unity. harmony and brotherly love. Then because they had a majority of the that basis only. The impression was humdrum of a giant machine. Efficidelegates (which represented a minor-strong, so strong that the machine was ty of the membership) they became compelled to order its gang not to due to the recent development of fac-*generous sports" in recommending the seating of our delegates.

A Pecullar Majority. delegates, I had all the chances to come before the convention.

By Young Worker Correspondent. I see who makes up the majority, on whom the present administration depends for its support and who are supposed to determine the future policies of our International. This group consists of a bunch of recent appendages to the organization produced by that "famous" out of town organizer, Halperin, in order to create that the liberty bell is still resounding an artificial majority at the convention. They are abunch of ignoramasis who don't know what the class struggle means, don't know what is going on at the convention, but surely know that they most do everything that they are instructed to do.

Gentlemen of the Past. The original part of this majority

consists of gentlemen who are the remnants of the glorious past. They speak English well, possess the flow- hour or two a day. Boozer or cigarette ery phrases, are perfectly trained in fiend need not apply. Will pay \$60.00 distorting statements, know all the per month. petty maneouvers of petty politicians, etc. This was the ammunition that the officials were equapped with to fight the left wing.

However they were very soon convinced that this majority is not enough to fight a group like ours and that with such a majority they cannot afford to be "sports."

Every one of our workers in the eft wing is a perfectly class conscious worker, understands the problems he is confronted with and certainly knows what the class struggle means. other proudly and boldly rejected the "sport" offer of the gentlemen.

Demand To Be Seated. Every one explained his stand and

were seated. The delegation constituting the business was deposed of. That's how in this manner, like other parts of majority of the convention is quite all the manipulations will be exposed the system. a peculiar one for a convention of and that's how we will fight tooth and this kind. Being fortunate enough to nail for the interests of the young these creameries, are they going to the the ends of the thread from many sit near a group of the out-of-town workers when the youth resolutions go through all this hard work only to spools. We are all piece workers and



COOLIDGE "PROSPERITY" DECLARED BUNK BY UNEMPLOYED IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - While Callwork, but there is only a certain Coolidge is shouting about prosperity, amount of money that you can make here in this city a great pecentage of during the day. If it happens that the young workers are without work. you turn out more than this sum you the factories for a job. Even if you this place are 9 hours for day workdon't get one you can learn something ers and 12 hours for night workers. about the conditions in there.

A Socialist City (?) Socialist City. From the Mayor down bound to make the amount you will to the policemen they all believe in get paid for in 8 to 81/2 hours, and the "social revolution" but they don't the rest that you produce goes to the believe in organizing the industries. boss and you get no pay for it. Take for example the big plants in here. The Ellis and Chalmers plant or A. O. Smith. What are the condi- the young workers here would be tions there? The young workers have glad to get a job (take myself for to work from 9 to 10 hours a day and example), but there is not much hir the wages are from 35 to 40 cents an ing at present. After all the shops

organized. piece work system and even then we can see or for the immediate the bosses see to it that you don't future to back up the statements of make too much. Here in the Harley- "our dear" Cal Coolldge that prospe-Davidson every one is working piece rity is here.

don't get paid for it. The hours in You can imagine what it means to work 12 hours with the section boss Milwaukee as you all know is a all the time rushing you. You are

Yet, There Is No Work. But in spite of all these conditions hour. Altho workers are employed like Nash and the Seamen Body Corfrom different trades, such as car- poration laid off all their night shift penters, machinists, etc., they are not thus swelling the army of unemployed rganized. Workers. This army is increasing In some of these shops there exists every day here and there is nothing

Lad in W. F. Hall &



ing I went to W.

waiting room of the employment

office was already overfilled. In this **room** where mostly boys were waiting. the clerk of the employment office would come out about every 15 minutes, pick out two of the younger boys and then take them into his office. He would then keep them there for a while and question them. Those who were led thru a side door, got a job. This happened to very few, most were sent away with the words: "Nothing doing." Probably they were too old for these "famous" exploiters

of young workers. I Notice a Kid.

While waiting there and trying to a living for himself." draw attention from the "good natured" clerk, I noticed a young kid waiting for a job. I hardly think he was coming to his eyes. "Where do you ap and torn shoes. He wore no neck- Ave.'

By Young Worker Correspondent. Itle and his shirt was tattered and ON a certain open. He carried his lunch with him wrapped in a newspaper.

I wanted to have a talk with the F. Hall. a big young fellow so I edged my way up printing plant on to him and dropped a side remark to Diversey near a man standing besides me. "This Cicero Ave. I boy will become president some day," was looking for I said. The young lad spoke up: "Oh ! yes, president of the job seekers."

I Am Sorry For Remark.

The boy looked around and I noticed that his face was so childlike ...at I was really sorry for the remark I let drop. "Why aren you going to school," I asked him in a mild ne. He did not answer this question bowed his head lower and looked as tho it was really his fault that he was in this position.

I would not be outdone with this silent response so I again spoke up: "Aren't you cold running around without an overcoat and in such torn shoes?" "Well," he replied, "What can I do, no money in the house, my mother is sick, father dead, my brother working and hardly making

After making this statement he felt free and the land of the brave." pretty had and the tears were almost



The Life of the Young Workers

By Young Worker Correspondent. ST. PAUL, Minn .- WANTED:-Young man at once, who is not afraid to work, and that doesn't mean an

This add appeared in the Dairy Record, a creamery trade journal published at St. Paul. Being in this kind of a paper it is usually understood by the reader or applicant what the nature of the work would be However an outsider can easily see that it must be a very good grade of slaves to try and fill this position. Bosses generally have better ways of rubbing it in than the moron who penned this add.

The young man who secures this job will do it thinking he will learn the trade and be able to write the same add a few years hence. But the dairy industry has revolutionized in this country. Due to modern machinery and the improved transportation views and demanded to be seated on facilities it is reduced to the mere ency experts are at every turn. True vote against our delegates and they tory methods all branches are not as uniform or as well centralized as That's how the "sport" and unity some industries. The tendency is all

The youth must be reached and the it is of benefit to the workers. They

YOUNG CREAMERY WORKERS ORGANIZATION NEEDED EXPLOITED FOR \$60 PER BY YOUNG SILK WORKERS IN OSCARD-HEINEMAN

CHICAGO .- I am one of the exploited workers in the "Oscard-Heineman Corporation." (One of the silk thread factories where hundreds of workers are employed). I feel that it is my duty to describe the conditions under which I work. I have two purposes in mind while writing. One is o tell the young workers in other industries to understand our conditions and the second is, to show the young workers in my own shop that there is paper which is interested in gathering the news of the young workers in industry.

The company I work for has about three factories In Chicago. An attempt to build the fourth one is being made. Two factories have four floors and the other factory one floor. On the floor where I work there are from 40 to 50 young workers.

Monotonous Work

The work is quite monotonous. All graduate into a robot like one of the price, as is understood, is estabmits lt or not. This just goes to tion like our League.

By Young Worker Correspondent. | prove that the workers under cap-

We do not expect any consideration from the bosses. We know that their aim is to soak the blood from us and only by doing that can they accumulate their profits and have good imes at the winter resorts.

Before less work was given to us and sometimes during work time we could take brief rests. Lately this few minutes rest between work was eliminated by the plot of the boss. More work is given to us and the few minutes rest which we stole before in order to regain our strength for further work was taken away from us. In case any of the workers show any opposition or resentment to the foremen he is told to leave work.

Organization Needed.

Observing the conditions of the workers in my factory, it strikes me as being very bad. The only solution But what about the workers in day we have to stay on our feet and to this problem is that the workers of Oscard-Heineman Corporation should not let themselves be treated Ford's slaves? There is no union lished by the boss. We have to de- as slaves but should organize themamong them in the rural districts. pend on his "kindness" for a price selves into the union. Demand shop Usually the beginners are farmer that would enable us to exist. As committees which will be able to show boys who perhaps never received usual the prices are always establish- the bosses that it is we who move more than board and clothes at home ed in favor of the boss. The speed the wheels of industry. In that reand they gladly take the paltry 60 per. up system is highly developed and the spect The Young Workers (Communworkers themselves don't rest for a ist) League stands out as the organzeal they use in learning such trades | minute. In our factory besides having | ization fighting with the young workas these, be directed in a sense that piece work which results in a speed ers for their interests. Every class up system, we are given a certain conscious young worker in my are willing to learn and their minds amount of work which must be finish visability of lining up with a real are not stunted like the blockhead ed whether our physical strength per- fighting Young Communist Organiza-

italism are real wage slaves.

Expect Nothing From Boss,

Western Union Raise Not For Young Workers By Young Worker Correspondent. I the United States. Now let us suppose | These officials are the W. U. lack-Girl Tells Story of

legraph Company. as follows:

This reads in part "Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company will meet Dec. 7 to act on the quarterly dividend. Wall Street is looking for an increased distribution. A few days ago the employes received an in-

crease of \$3,000,-000 which is 3% on outstanding stock.

Earnings for the current year are likely to exceed those of 1917, which were \$14.40 a share and a record. The company has been paying at the rate of 7% from its banner 12 months and in that time has put nearly \$80,000,000 back into the property.

Actions of the directors in the recent wage increase is in line with their desire to see that their workers are well looked after."

The "Merit" Raise. One would think that the workers in the Western Union are "well looked after." Just think of it. \$3,000,000 were distributed in raises to the company's employes. (By the way, this increase was not yet distributed. It may go into effect Jan. 1st). Just put back into the companies' property get it. in the last 12 months. Compare that with the general increase of \$3,000,000. But the World does not state how this raise will be distributed. Neither does it say, how many workers are 't is just here where the whole truth

proximately 50,000 workers thruout like poison.

lies.

his present situation. It was a typical description of the lives of thousands to seek jobs in the factories. of child workers in this "glorious" land often called "the home of the

The young fellow told me that he was from the "panhandle" state of his brother in Chicago. But, the last some liar. And this is happening just officials so that they hurried and older than 10 or 11 years. He was live," I asked him. "Oh, in a base- Oklahoma. There his family had an harvest they had was a rotten one. at the moment when Coolldge tells signed the agreement. They then without an overcoat, with a summer ment flat on Marshfield near Chicago eight acre farm. But the same thing His sisters couldn't support him any- Congress about the wonderful pros- loudly proclaimed that a big victory happened to them which is happen- more and he also came on to Chicago | perity in this country,

NEW YORK CI that the \$3,000,000 were distributed eys who, by being paid a little more, TY. - The N. Y. equally to all of the companies' work- are being encouraged to put more World published an ers. Then it would just amount to pep into the work and follow out the interesting little ar- \$1.20 extra per week for each employe. Instructions of exploiting the thouticle commenting on But they are not going to distribute sands of workers according to the the progress of the the increase in that way. Far from it! Western Union Te- They will work it out on a so-called merit basis. Let us look into this for a moment.

The W. U. has circulated a letter to its employees stating that the increase will be divided as follows: 1. To those who are employed in

the company not less than one year and who merit this increase 2. To those who have not received an increase in the past year and who merit this increase.

3. To those who receive under \$300 per month and who merit the

Raise for Officials.

What a sham. Those who "merit" the increase and who receive less than \$300 per month and who have not received an increase in the past vear are entitled to the raise. Just how many of the 50,000 workers receive \$300 a month? Why does the W. U. make these provisions for those that receive less than \$300 a month?

Because we find that the only ones who receive salaries ranging from \$175 to \$300 per month are the higher officials of the company (Supervisors, managers, chief operators, etc.). Furthermore we find that those who receive \$140 to \$165 are but a handful compared to the thousands who receive less than \$100 a month.

Now then, the W. U. has agreed on paying this "increase" on a 7% basis, i. e. 7% of a years' salary. Fine! The officials will surely merit this increase think of it. There was \$80,000,0000 and they will be the first ones to

Why Officials Merit Raise.

Why will the officials be the first to get this raise? Because they are the ones who enslave the thousands of workers by keeping a constant watch employed in the Western Union. And over them. See to it that they work \$12,500,000 a year extra expenses for steadily all day with only a half hour for lunch. See to it they often work \$80,000,000 in its property in the last The Western Union employs ap- overtime, altho the workers hate it 12 months and only \$3,000,000 laid

in me, he related the entire story of farmers. They were shoved up against pass for 14 years of age in order to Committee began to mobilize the the wall by the small capitalists and then forced to migrate to Chicago boss. With the snow already fallen against the injunction which the

"A Barefoot Boy." with his two sisters in Oklahoma, the fellow who wrote: "barefoot boy, sympathize with the left wing and to while his mother went to live with with cheek of tan" was certainly accept its leadership. This scared the

company's demands. How About Young Workers? Second, the W. U. will "look after" the lowest paid workers, aside from the messenger boys, the clerks, who receive wages as low as \$11 a week. election of officers and some of the tear or two go down my cheek. The Thousands of these young workers are forced to work late in the eve- present business agent. The leaflet On reaching the office another man,

ning. They are given hours something was a protest against him. It merely like this 6 A. M. to 2 P. M., 9 A. M. asked what the present agent had gan questioning me. He asked me to 5 P. M., 2 P. M. to 10 P. M., 4 done to aid the workers of the shops. P. M. to 12 P. M. A good number it asked for better sanitary condiof them work from 2 P. M. to 10 P. tions, and protested against having a M. not giving the young workers a girl fired whenever the boss wished police and having me put in jail, but chance to get a little recreation in to get rid of her, for no cause what | finally after taking my name and the evening. The W. U. figures that if they will

grant these young workers a 7% in at the factory with another girl. We done with me, so they let me go. crease on their \$11 week rating, they waited until five o'clock when the On the way down, the elevator operwill make the youngsters think that girls began coming out. After about ator said to me that they really should there is a little "advancement" in the half of the girls had left the forelady not do this. (He meant the one who game. This 7% of the \$11 weekly came out and asked for a leaflet. I distributed leaflets, not the bosses) rate would amount to \$1.25 extra per gave her one and she went in again. He then asked me who hired me and week. For a young worker of 14, 15, Not five minutes later, out came the told me to go back and tell those upor 16 years, this may sound like an boss. Grabbing me roughly by the stairs. But I quickly answered that 'increase." But for the older workers arm, he tore the leaflets from my I wanted to get home and left. who receive wages ranging from \$23 hand and asked me, in no gentle tone, a week to \$34 a week, a \$1.50 extra per week would be considered an 'insult."

On the other hand, the W. U. will grant the increase to the higher officials first in order not to raise the level of the wages of the other workers to the salaries of the officials. Of course, the company may pick out a few from those who get \$130 to \$150 to make it look as if they are "looking after all of its employes. But then again the company admits that there will be "some" who "merit" this increase, who will not receive it.

Why? Because \$3,000,000 is not enough to provide an increase for every worker in the Western Union (An increase of \$250 a year-\$5 a week-for each employe would mean W. U.). Poor Western Union! With aside for increases.

After seeing that he had confidence ing right now to hundreds of poor Here he wears long trousers tries to on Chicago's streets and this lad from off the farms walking around in After his father died he was left his torn shoes it brings to mind that

UNITED GARMENT OFFICIALS SHOW LOYALTY TO BOSSES

Official Burkson Plays Religious Prejudices

14 YEAR OLD GIRL PINCHED.

By a Young Worker Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Pa .- The officials of the United Garment Workers' Union again demonstrated their loyalty to the bosses by having three girls fired for daring to oppose their flunkeys at the recent election.

An organizer by the name of Burkson was sent here to engineer the elections so that the officials favorable to the bosses would be elected. This stool pigeon did his work in the most contemptible manner possible. Al though he and the bosses are Jews. they continually played upon the religious

prejudices of the workers by pointing out that the candidates opposing them were Jews and the workers that sup-WHY IS THERE AN OPPOported the candidates, being Jews SITION never were satisfied with what they TO THE PRESENT got. Just before the election the BUSINESS AGENT floor-lady and boss went from girl to Members of the United Gargirl telling them that they should ment Workers of America. not vote for the "Bolsheviks."

The girls had never heard of Bol-

sheviks before and now are getting an

education as to what Bolshevism is.

A few days before the elections a

leaflet issued by some of the mem-

bers of the union was given out to the

workers as they went out of the

shops and the bosses assaulted those

distributing leaflets and dragged one,

a 14 year old girl, into the shop where

she was grilled and later warned not

to distribute the leaflets again. The

leaflet pointed out that durlng the

present administration, miserable con-

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expiration of the agreement and noth-

2. Workers were fired without cause

3. The sanitary conditions of our

shops are becoming worse from day

to day. Just think of our wash rooms,

dressing rooms, ventilation, etc. What

4. No effort was made to organize

the open shops of the garment in-

dustry of Pittsburgh and vicinity,

thereby weakening our chances to

better our conditions. Nothing was

done to achieve closer unity with the

other organizations of the Needle

After the elections took place three

of the active workers, one a candidate

for the business agent, were fired

from the shop. It shows that the

bosses and the labor fakers are work-

ing hand in hand, that the rank and

file is rising against them in protest

so the business agent and Burkson

ditions were put into effect:

ing was done to prevent it.

and were not reinstated.

was done to better them?

Trades of Pittsburgh.

must watch out.

During the administration of our present officers our grievances were either not taken up or were not satisfactorily adjusted.

Local 51.

For instance:

1. Reduction in prices on some operations were enforced before the expiration of the agreement and nothing was done to prevent it.

2. Workers were fired without cause and were not reinstated.

3. The sanitary conditions of our shops are becoming worse from day to day. Just think of our wash rooms, dressing rooms, ventilation, etc. What was done to better them?

4. No effort was made to organize the open shops of the garment industry of Pittsburgh and vicinity, thereby weakening our chances to better our conditions. Nothing was done to achieve closer unity with the other organizations of the needle trades of Pittsburgh.

These conditions must be bettered by our organization. The business agent who was entrusted with the task of carrying out the affairs of our organization failed to do so.

Think over the above cited facts and judge for yourself whether the members of our local union were right by putting up an opposition to the present business agent.

Leaflet Distribution

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—As a member of the Y. W. L., I was called upon to looking about 12, I thought I might help distribute leaflets at one of the lead them to believe that I knew noth-

factories of greater Pittsburgh.

ever.

what I was doing here. I answered that I was distributing leaflets. This innocent remark seemed to make him angrier than before and he pushed in Garment Shop me roughly into the building and took me to the office.

Now, being only 14 years old and ing much about it and so make them One of the local unions was having let me go. I began to sniff and let a members were not satisfied with the boss looked at me and said nothing. evidently a partner, came out and bewhat I knew of this and I answered very timidly that I knew nothing.

He threatened me with calling the address he told the other man that Promptly after school I was over I was too scared and nothing could be

AMALGAMATED OFFICIALS

By Young Worker Correspondent. in the Amalgamated Clothing Worktlme ago. The officials of the International Tailoring Company made it York and Chicago branches.

Twenty Weeks Battle. For twenty weeks the workers were

bosses' gangsters, while at the same time, the union officials were expropriating the strike funds for their own benefit. In the meantime the Amalgamated Rank and File Action get a chance to slave for some factory workers for mass demonstration courts issued to protect the bosses.

Sympathy With Left Wing, The rank and file strikers began to had been secured.

The truth of the matter is that due to this agreement the bosses have obtained practically what every good openshopper wants. The boss has full power to employ former scabs and at the same time to discharge loyal The treachery of the labor officials union men who have gained a 5% reduction in wages for piece work. ers union was demonstrated a short With this power the bosses are beginning to lay off the most active union fighters. They have already disknown to the workers that they intend | charged 25 militants. It must be to cease all relations with the union. understood that many of these lay Under the pressure of the rank and offs are instigated by the union offs. file the union officials were forced to cials, because these militants carried declare a strike in both the New on such a hard fight against their traitorous policies. This however will not intimidate these workers. The workers are going to take up the suffering and subjected to all kinds struggle again and if necessary the of Insults and sluggings from the left wing will again declare a strike.

-J. Objicco.

-Freda Truhar.



"Christmas Spirit

With the Young Workers (Communist) League

1,000 PARENTS FOR

Young Communists in Lead

PROTEST TRANSFERRING CHILDREN

NEW YORK CITY-At a meeting ! of parents of children in Public School 148 presided over by Ciarence Milier the following resolution was adopted unanimously: "Whereas a situation has developed in P. S. 148 Brooklyn which is arousing the active and just resentment of the parents of the neighborhood and P. S. 148 is to be transerred into a Junior High School and the pupils in lower grades are to be tranferred to other schools, and Whereas, this mechanical transfer may appear on paper as a simple and reasonable affair, but in actual fact it is an outrage against the welfare en's Council in the neighborhood then of the transferred children, forcing addressed the meeting in the name them to travel unreasonable distances, of her organization promising their in some cases about 16 blocks, and support. She called upon the women cut across traffic in order to reach the to stick together a d fight for their signed and thereby endangering their great applause. lives, and Whereas, we recognize that this will affect mostly working, class parents who form the majority of the residents in this section who are already overburdened with hardships in paign. The following outline for the their struggie for a living.

1000 Parents Speak Up.

mostly parents of the children con-cerned gathered at a protest as a cerned gathered at a protest meeting to be sent to organizatoins for sup- a "Hebrew Institute" or any other of importance to the working class, Dec. 8th at Amalgamated Temple port and then if the decision is not place where Jewish young people whether to the working class in gen-

Resolve, to protest against the action of the Board of Education and call upon all organizations and individuals interested to join with us in | izing the mothers, also spoke expressthis protest and help us in our endeavor to keep the children in P. S. There were about ten speakers in all

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fifteen cents thereby allowing fifty per

cent profit to the units. Get your or-

ders in immediately or you will not

get the books in time for the meet-

subs are at 50c for 6 months. If we

again. This means that the comrades

Fill Out the Blank Below.

PREPARE

meetings.

The chairman, a member of the Young Workers (Communist) League. in opening the meeting pointed out the general conditions prevailing in the schools in the working class sections and how six children where killed crossing one of the streets in the neighborhood, Broadway, and called upon the mothers to stand together and fight for the lives of their chil-

Y. W. L. In Leadership

Women's Council Supports Move. Kate Gitlow representing the Wom-

Outline for Campaign.

A collection was taken up in order campaign was proposed: To picket P, are sure to notice many basements, We, 1000, residents of Brooklyn, up protesting against this action of withdrawn a general School Strike will be called.

Mrs. Zlott and Mrs. Kaplan, two mothers most responsible for organing the sentiments of the audience. from the floor.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE YOUNG MEETINGS WORKER?

Notices for Liebknecht Meetings: We have stated before that the YOUNG WORKER is not the paper of Ali units must hold Liebknecht one or two comrades in the office. It Arrangements should be made imcan only become a real mass organ by following a correct policy. A cormediately and notices of dates sent to the national office. The literature rect policy can only be formed with the help of all comrades and young committees should send in their orworker readers. From now on we are ders for the new pamphlet. It is imgoing to run a steady column in which portant that cash accompany all orders. By agreement with the party you will have the opportunity of telling no special leaflet will be issued by ail readers what you consider wrong them for the Lenin memorial meetwith the paper. Let's go now. Overings but this pamphlet which is on burden the mail carrier with constructive criticism of YOUR paper. Crithe lives of Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg will be sold there also. If ticisms of the critics is not barred from this column. It will help to put the cash is not on hand in the League life and pep in it. Let us know whethtreasury make arrangements with the party to buy the books—let the league er you want your name printed with comrades sell them and divide the your criticism. profits. The bundle orders sell at ten cents per copy. The retail price is

LIEBKNECHT MEETINGS

NEW YORK CITY—The Young Thousand Dollar Mark ed of A. A. Workers (Communist) League has succeeded in securing Central Opera The Liebknecht subscription drive House for Friday, Jan. 15th, 1926, for is beginning January 1. Thus far the Liebknecht Memorial Meeting. A follows: New York has ordered 200 subs, Chi- fitting program is being prepared for cago 200 subs and Los Angeles 75. that occasion with the Pioneers par-The rest have ordered nothing. These ticipating in full force.

can get 5000 subs by March 31 the CHICAGO-The meeting to com-Young Worker will be made a weekly memmorate the work of Karl Liebknecht will be held here on Friday, must become more active in this re- Jan. 8th, 1926, at Northwest Hall, corspect. The "sub" cards are ready. | ner North and Western Aves. Originally it was decided to sell

The speakers will be: Max Schachtthem for cash only to the units. How- man and Earl R. Browder. An interever this was changed. They will be esting program is being arranged in sent on a 25 per cent down payment addition to the speaking. Admission Worker Correspondent?

Honor Liebknecht Right by Bringing Back the Weekly

If we can get 5,000 subs by March 31 we can make it a weekly again.

Special Offer During the

LIEBKNECHT SUBSCRIPTION

N. E. C. NOTES

WORKER for Dec. 23rd. Bundle or- prepared. ders for this issue of the Daily should be rushed in.

by Comrade Zam is appearing in the next issue of the Workers Monthly, for the Young Workers Conference, of the campaign will of course depend The pamphlet: Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxemburg is now ready for distribution. The dates of Liebknecht meet- cable of greetings to the British the first consideration is the number

preparation. 1. An analysis of the last meeting. Definite recommenda- since there is a greater field for accontrast between the conditions of the tions were made.

comrades active in the coal fields we stands for. A final report on the pohave finally adopted the set of de- litical minimum course will be made mands for the Young Workers Con- at the next meeting. Connections will ference to be held in Eastern Ohio, be made during next week with those As part of our Economic Trade Union | units who have contributed funds for month campaign of which the Young | league training school. We now have | But unless there is an organization in Workers' Confernces in Eastern Ohio a regular section in the Daily Worker the factory to follow up the ideological the factory. The group in charge of rades believe that the conditions are and New York is part, we have edited by Comrade Kaplan. In a short success, the League will gain no persecured a full page of the DAILY time a regular news service will be manent benefit.

The New York District will have held its reorganization meetings by be conducted by a shop nucleus in its A special Liebknecht article written the time this issue reaches them. De- own or in a neighboring factory, or by finitely preparations are being made a concentration group. The nature

The Chicago League has sent a

schools to which they have been asjust demands. This was greeted with JEWISH YOUNG WORKERS **MUST ORGANIZE ON CLASS LINES**

clubs, in abundance.

these and at some later time inquire the struggle which also should be the about one, you will almost surely re- struggie of the clubs pretending "im- will be necessary to secure informaceive the answer that it has gone out partiality." of existence some time ago. Altho thusiastically, with almost heroic ef- Freiheit Young Workers' Clubs, which forts to create something new and are being energetically supported by successful, yet they are all doomed the Young Workers (Communist) to failure.

What is the reason for this? These clubs, ali of them, have on their program of aims and purposes, rage of child labor, the militarist prop- enemy-the capitalist class. aganda by the capitalists, etc. It is sues, and the attempt not to see that workers, young workers especially. which is staring them in the face is are used as cannon fodder for the issues which interest him. responsible for the inevitable failure bosses' profits, "impartiality" towards of all these clubs; that is why these child labor, and many other equally clubs are continually appearing and important issues, is encouragement of

On the other hand, a club with a clear cut program and views on all im- decide where you really belong! portant questions, like the Freiheit

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Youngstown, O. 30.00

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Why Not Become a

CAMPAIGN

A collection was taken up in order to cover the expenses of the campaign. The following outline for the young Jewish workers. In these clubs, S. 148, the Board of Education and well lit up, bearing the sign: "Self tiality." We take up ali questions as the Mayor. A petition is to be gotten Education Club," "Social Club," "Hik- they are; we realize the existence of come together, you will find similar eral, or the Jewish workers in particular. We really develop class con-Should you become interested in scious workers, and prepare them for

> It is worth while to give a few League, and we will do that at a fu-

But to the young workers, the members of the so-called "impartial" clubs. the item; education, study of culture; we say: Do not make your imparthey also claim to be "impartial" and tiality a virtue. Do not think that try to preserve their "impartiality" at | you can get a correct view on the imall costs. They do not realize that at portant things around us by having the present time, it is impossible to be an attitude which is neither here nor impartial; that they are merely hid. there. In effect, by being passive, by ing behind the veil of impartiality so not being with the organized workas not to see the conditions around ing youth, you are against them, and them, in the shops. factories; the out- lend a heiping hand to our common

"Impartiality" towards the outrage these crimes against workers. Think it over, and you will quickly

---CHARLOTTE MELOMED.

A Monument to Marx

LONDON, England.-The Editorial board of 'Trade Union Unity" compos-

Purcell, Edo Receipts on the Build the League Fimmen, and Fund for the last two weeks are as George Hicks, have issued a statement regarding the tombstone of Kari Marx, in Highgate Cemetery,

most inade

quate memorial to the great revolutionist. They desire to open a fund for the erection of a more fitting mon-

The board announced that it is starting an International Million Penny Fund which will be devoted for the Workers (Communist) League wholestart penny drives in their localities the National Office of the League from

How to Conduct Factory Campaigns

pose is the winning over of the young workers ideologically to the League

Selecting the Factory.

A factory campaign may therefore on the conditions in the factory. In choosing the factory for the campaign. ings should be rushed in to the N. O. League on the arrests of the Com- of young workers it employs. The munists. A lengthy discussion on the factory having the largest number of There are two other pamphlets in Chicago situation took place in the young workers is always preferable, tivity. However, other factors must be taken into consideration-whether it is a union shop or not, whether we have any members in it, the conditions, etc. Having selected the factory, it will be necessary to get a the Young Worker, in order to find League member into it, if one does not out which of the young workers are work there. It is absolutely necessary most sympathetic. They must be to have a League member in the factory, in order that we may know the ceaction of the young workers to the campaign, and in order to be able to organize the sentiment which will be rue, and everybody ought to read it, difficult to organize a shop nucleus. etc. In this way, they will lead the One of our best comrades should young workers into a discussion of therefore be selected, and he is to the article, of the conditions of the make it his duty to get a job in the shop, and be able to crystailize their

Factory Conditions.

As soon as this step is taken, it tion about the factory. The hours, the some of these clubs are organized en- words as to the activities of these firing, sanitation—these and other a sort of an institution with the young cleus must be to make every young matter should be thoroin learned workers in the factory. The next is worker in the factory a League memabout. It is absolutely necessary that sue should contain an additional story ber. Of course the campaign will we have a correct knowledge of the about the same shop, and all the fol- take on different forms, depending upconditions and that our work is based lowing issues, the featuring of the on the strengthen of the nucleus and tion should be embodied in an article rades are doing, and on the success

lay-off—these situations should be strengthening of the existing ones. used as a starting point, and featured. The rest of the article can be devoted to a description of the conditions in preparations for the sale of the Young ber of the most sympathetic young Worker at the factory gates during the lunch hour and after work, and should be able to begin the sale as soon as the issue of the Young Workers containing the story reaches them. They should not lay off the preperations to the last minute, and then find everything upset. The Young Worker should be sold by members who do not work in the shop, so as to prevent their being discharged. They should. however, be on the scene, see who buys the Young Worker, watch the reaction of the young workers. etc.

Start Discussion in Shop. After the first day's sale, the comrades in the shop must very carefully start a discussion in the article and careful, however, not to immediately disciose that they are members of the League. They must casually say that hey think what the paper says is

Campaign in Press.

should be sold at the gates every day wages, conditions of work, hiring and for about a week, in order to make it considerably. The aim of every nuupon this knowledge. This informal story to depend on the work our combine kind of shop.

STRIKE MOVE

AFTER a lenghty discussion taking young workers in the Soviet Union and this country. 2. What the League definition account the opinions of all and this country. 2. What the League to the voung workers takes place. An should result in the organization of a ganizing a shop nucleus, or of to the young workers takes place. An should result in the organization of a accident, a wage-reduction, wholesale shop nucleus if none exists, and in

Organization Work. When the campaign has progressed to a certain stage, and when our comthe campaign should make complete ripe, they should get together a num-

Mass Meetings.

workers and if possible organize them

During the summer, open-air meetings should be conducted at the factory gates. This is impossible in the winter. An effort should also be made to call a meeting in a hall. This latter step must be taken with great caution, as it will be very easy for the boss to have a stool-pigeon at the meeting and "spot" the most active workers to have them fired.

Shop Papers.

It is not necessary to depend on the Young Worker only. The nucleus or the workers' club should issue a bulletin, which can supplement the Young Worker in spreading propaganda. Care must be taken that both in the bulletin and in the Young Worker only the truth is told, without exaggerations. If the conditions are made to appear worse then they actually are, it will antagonize the young workers.

Thruout the campaign, our members in the factory must also be active carrying on personal propaganda, distributing literature carefully, boosting the opposition to the poor conditions in demands set up and fighting for better conditions

The campaign does not end when The Young Worker with the story the nucleus has been organized, or when it has increased its membership

-HERBERT ZAM

Importance of Factory Leaflets

DURING the past year we have made our first attempts at actual participation in the everyday struggies of the young workers. Our variimpossible to evade these burning is. of war, where countless numbers of activities in order to reach the young requirement. workers, with concrete immediate

washrooms or locker within the fac- bulletins should be drawn up: the young worker has with the Y. within the shop or factory, using con- immediately cause the young worker W. L. This makes it imperative that crete references to specific conditions. this first contact must make an im- regulations and work. pression on the young worker and here we find the importance of draft shop with the general economic and ing such leaflets or bulletins with the political situation as a whole. utmost care. Two basic requirements

a. The leastet must be written in ble. Here we can also introduce the the language of the young worker and | bosses organizations and all the state contain no uncommon phrases, which machinery at his command and link may be quite correct in revolutionary | up the necessity of a Labor Party. terminology but nonunderstandable to the average young worker. Simpleness a union shop as a picture lesson to

b. Linked up closely with the above out how in the union shop the workers tion of what we have to say. Nothing the attempts of the bosses to worste to any interpretation but the one made of the conditions of the Russia ous factory campaigns have been of which we are striving to convey to young workers in a similar factor value in knowing how to shape our the young worker. Clarity is a second under a Workers Government. Having our past experience as a

guide, we must strive in the future the young workers in an understand-One of the methods of interesting to get the maximum of results from able manner and point out the nethe young workers in our organiza- such factory leaflets. Since leaflets tion is the distribution of leaflets or can differ widely depending upon the instruments in the class war. No bulletins at or inside the factory. particular circumstances, it is im-Such a mimeographed leaflet, thrust possible to give a rigid outline apinto the hands of a young worker as plicable to all cases. Herein, we give action between young and adult on he leaves the factory or found in the a general line of how such leaflets or the trade union field.

2. Link up their conditions in one

This must be done very simply by

means of concrete example, if possi-3. If a non-union shop, we must use

is the necessity of a clear presenta- secured better conditions or resister contained in the leaflet must be open them. Another comparison may b

4. When mentioning the union we must present the role of the union to cessity of making the unions better impression of dual unionism must be left—we must always stress unity of

5. The Young Workers League must to feel his place is among us and to organize a shop nucleus of the Y. W. L. in his shop.

Factory campaigns are an important form of economic trade union work. Every factory campaign must be accompanied by a series of leaflets. Every shop nucleus must issue regularly a shop bulletin. These are important forms of contact which must receive the attention of every League

-John Williamson,

RUTHENBERG AND CANNON TO ADDRESS CHICAGO LEAGUE

C. E. Ruthenberg, Secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party will speak at a membership meeting of the Young Workers (Communist) League on Christmas Day on the Unerection of this monument. The Young | ited Front campaigns of the Party in | connection with the Labor Party and heartily endorses this project and calls the defense of the Soviet Union. James P. Cannon will speak on the and to rush the funds collected into International Situation and World Trade Union Unity. While this meet. Philadelphia, Saturday nite, Jan, 9, YOUNG WORKER and YOUNG COMwhere it will be forwarded to London, ing is arranged as a membership 1926.

meeting of the Y. W. L., all young workers are invited to attend this meeting Party members and older workers wiil also be welcome.

Following the meeting, which will be held late in the afternoon a Communist social will take place where the comrades will have an opportunity to enjoy themeselves. Admission will be free

The place of the meeting will be announced later.

PHILADELPHIA—The hall for the Liebknecht Memorial Meeting is Grand Fraternity Hall, 1628 Arch St.,

| N E W A R K PIONEERS HOLD YOUNG WORKER DANCE

NEWARK, N. J .- The Newark Section of the Young Pioneers of America. is giving a grand entertainment on Dec. 26th at 8 P. M. at the Workmen's Circle Institute, 71 Montgomery St. Newark.

There will be dancing, music and revolutionary songs. Admission will be 25c for adults and 10c for children. Proceeds of the affair will go to the



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EDITORIALS

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

This crisis is not a superficial passing event. It is deep rooted in the fundamental contradictions of capitalism. It is the third time in the last three months that the government has felt itself slipping.

The present situation seems to smack of two alternatives: Either a fascist dictatorship or a workers and farmers' govrenment. French imperialism has overreached itself since the close of the war and is now faced with collapse. No little part in this development was played by the heroic struggles of the colonials in Morocco and Syria.

that can put a competent financial flat was one of the hundreds of new, program to the fore. Neither will a coalition solve this crisis. The entire situation must be thrown into another election where the Communists leading the workers' and farmers' bloc red at all. Comrade Krasinko is very will assert itself.

THE YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE

tire core of young workers, in their ing his department. His speech made on an equal footing and discuss the gates. This impression was strengthvital problems affecting their daily life ened when we found out that Comand draw up a program upon which rade Borodin is a well known Party they can continue their struggles for better conditions.

A conference of this character does not begin on the date for which is set. Now is the time to begin the campaign of propaganda in every pit and factory of this section for the conference. Once the ground is well laid then question of calling meetings of the young workers for the purpose of electing delegates can be put to

TRADE UNION MONTH

The Working Youth Conference will take place in the section around the Eastern Ohio. That does not signify that our comrades in the other parts of the country have nothing to do. New York has its working youth conference. The other districts of the country have their special concentrated economic trade union work for this month which has been set aside as trade union month. The instruction of the industrial department for the immediate convening of conferences of our members according to industry and there organizing Communist youth fractions must be energetically pushed and accomplished by the end of this

Then there is the daily and persistent factory work of our shop nuclei and concentration groups. Besides the national campaigns each group must have a definite immediate objective towards which it persistently strives. With these tasks well under way our League will be making progress in the direction of becoming a mass ofganization of the working youth of this country.

Damascus Bombarded Again

Druse Rep Denied Say in League

many tribesmen.

concentrating on the locomotive in the league. Try as he may he failed works. It is claimed that the tribes- to get a hearing either collectively men were repulsed and many were with the members or separately. The killed.

Letter of the French-Belguim Youth to the Moscow Workers

judging the position of the Rusian is the most oppressed.

some of the most outstanding demon- years, after which he becomes a real is close connection of the red soldiers strations of this interest in the young qualified worker.

there. This gave us the possibility of advantages of the state, behind which proletariat and particularly the posi- ticipation of young workers in product which, in our country, is described tion of the young workers. We, the tion is based not on exploitation, but as an army of murderers and thieves, citizens of two western capitalist on education. We had the opportunity which the social democracy calls an countries declare that the condition of seeing the proof of this statement of the young workers in the Soviet in the factories which we visited we find out, after discussing with red Commissariats convinced us that of the young workers in the Soviet in the factories which we visited. we find out, after discussing with red much attention to the young workers for the four that he works. From 16 where there is very energetic and protection of youth labor, factory hours, and receives wages for eight diers, thru clubs, political circles circles, pioneer groups—these are goes to the technical school for three We have been convinced that there

The Workers' Red Army.

WE were in Moscow for a few days and visited some big factories

THE young workers in the factories exist for the young workers of their the participation of the red soldiers in hundreds of sanitariums, are now in to us on this question without conceal. is from our bourgeois armies, with operation. Buildings and institutions ing the difficulties which are before stands the workers' government. Contrary to capitalist countries, the parof them, and puts them in the position of slaves to the capitalists. Workers' Hospitals.

Union is considerably better than in From 14 to 16 years of age, the soldiers and red officers? We have great masses of proletarians partici-France and Belgium, where the youth, Russian youth works four hours, and found out that the red army is a real pate in the work of the various state especially, is exploited, and where it receives four hours of education. The proletarian army, in the ranks of organizations. On visiting the hospi-Russian young worker, however, re- which the discipline is based on the tals, we saw the advantages of the The Soviet government pays very ceives wages for eight hours, and not class consciousness of the soldiers, new methods the Soviets are using, in medicine and in instituting not of the Soviet Union. Laws for the to 18, the young worker works six enthusiastic education for the sol- only medical help and attention for the workers who are sick, but also in schools, technical high schools, clubs. hours. The Russian young worker libraries, reading rooms, and so forth. taking measures to prevent as much as possible sickness among the workwith the great masses of the workers,

Thus for example, during the past

| ernment see to it that such conditions | regiments with the factories, and thru | were given thoro physical examination | center of attention to all proletarians been converted into convalescent homes for workers.

Forward to Socialist Society.

 R^{ED} Moscow, which one of the French bourgeois journalists descriped as a dead town, full of poverty stricken workers, and a place of orgies for a few tens of "bourgeois life and enthusiasm and which is going forward to a socialist society. The leaders of the Soviet state were described to us as people who split the workers' movement, but what did we find? How enthusiastic Comrade Lozovsky was when he spoke with us Does the French and Belgium gov- thru organized connections of the year, 130,000 workers in factories on the question-which is now the

We have visited Moscow. Now we are going to Ural and Leningrad. Our first impressions, in our study of the conditions of Soviet Russia, are very favorable. If such impressions will continue during the rest of our visit, we can say, on returning home. Young workers, toilers of all counbolsheviks" is a town which is full of tries! Unite with the Soviet Union for the overthrow of the world bourge

> Fosa Veel. Marien Dumon, Olya Dias. William Marten. De-Mashalk. Nov. 18, 1925, Moscow.

The German Youth Delegation in the Soviet Union

YOUNG MINERS OF SOVIET UNION HAVE

7. No restrictions of any kinds go to the workers themselves.

unions. The young workers have work of the Russian young workers.

dues. The young miners are well re not only by the Communists but

fact that Russian industry is only Russia and even by capitalist ob-

of the fight against intervention of these? Why this great difference?

italists of all countries, wages in Rus- profits form the workers!!!

(With the Workers of Makievka)

youth delegation was at the home of qualify in this industry. At this time, There is no one party in France the Red Director of the factory. This there came a "delegate" to the faccomfortably equipped flats which had been built in the last year by the factory administration for the workers. The director is not a "simple" popular in the Donetz Basin, Twenty years ago he participated in an armed mutiny of workers-"1905" revolution. He was sentenced to death by the The campaign for the first confer- court, but this sentence was later ence of American working youth is changed by the czar to "merely" imnow under way. This conference prisonment for eleven years. After will have a special appeal to the young visiting his home, we went to the miners of Eastern Ohio, a section of factory. It is difficult to study this W. Virginia and Western Pa. For the giant in four hours. We went to look first time in the history of the Amer- at the big furnaces there, and a workican labor movement a group of young | er came up to us, Comrade Borodin. worker delegates, representing the en- | who very warmly thanked us for visitpits or factories, will come together a very strong impression on the deleworker and had been working in the factory for twenty-eight eyars. We go farther, on to the factory

Many young blue shirted girls and stranslated to them. It tory school. He had been appointed by the Department of Gas motors, to invite the delegation there. Comrade Yaculov gas-motorman had spoken about Rakosi, about new imperialist wars, about the united front. In conclusion, he gave a very modest souvenir, a metal triangle, to the visiting delegation, and on this triangle were inscribed the words: "To the young workers of Germany, from 12,000 workers of Makievka." in answering this splendid welcome, Comrade Lec Friedman snoke. He said: "We know now that the young workers of Soviet Russia do not only actively partici pate in the building of the socialist society, but have the spirit and will which is the best guarantee for the world revolution. We are convinced that when we return to Germany and tell our young workers the whole truth about you, they will follow the same path as did the young workers of Soviet Russia."

ON the way to the home of the Director, the delegates noted as advertisement which they asked be

boys are at the machines. Many of tisement about a meeting of factory A T the Makievka factory, the bed them were girls. The delegates are workers at which it was proposed to discuss a new collective agreement with the administration about wages and hours for work during the next

> "Have you the opportunity of deciding on such questions, also?" asked one of the Russian comrades of the delegation.

Before leaving, Leo Friedman said the following: "That which we have seen here is a sign that you are building a socialist society. The participation of the workers in the betterment of the production, shows that the ele ments of the factory are strong here. If the world proletariat will prevent the organization of attacks on Soviet Russia, then the Russian proletariat will be able to build a socialist society, together with the workers of he whole world.

We have seen that the Russian proleorkers, now. We are for socialism, Soviet Russia.'

pay at seaside and other resorts.

injured young miners.

on all committees.

Equal pay for equal work.

against young miners in the trade

free entry, full rights, and pay lower

presented in all official positions and

8. Wages are steadily going up in

the Soviet Union. In spite of the

just beginning to pick up and recover

from the effects of the Imperialist

World War, of the counter-revolution,

world imperialism (with the United

States in the front ranks) on seven-

ieen fronts, of the blockade, of the

sabotage and destruction of Russian

sian industry are going up fast. Al-

working conditions of the workers.

Full rates of pay for all sick or

class. Lately, the left tendencies in the labor movement are growing stronger and stronger. These left tendencies, plus the disbelief in the social democratic leaders, is the sym ariat undertakes all possible meas- bol of the victory of socialism. We are res. Karl Kautsky continues to spread | convinced that the Russian proletaalsehoods about Soviet Russia, to- riat is for peace, but not for peace gether with counter revolutionary with the bourgeoisie. They are for migrants, he is against Soviet Rus- peace with the world proletariat. We ia. But Kautsky is isolated from the are also convinced that the workers vorkers. The workers do not believe of Germany will fight against the Cautsky. He is not a leader of the present socialist leaders, and for

9. In Russia, the workers have got-

ten rid of their bosses, who are no

more than parasites, producing noth-

ing and living off the labor of the

workers. In Russia the bosses are

where all the terrible conditions of

capitalism will disappear forever and

where the whole of the fruits of the

These are the conditions of life and

That this picture is true is attested

also by delegations of trade unionists

which have come from many coun-

tries (England, France, Norway, Ger-

many, etc.) to see the truth about

Young American workers! Young

Because America is a capitalist

country, run by the capitalists and the

for self-development for the work-

miners! Are your conditions like

servers themselves.

Comrade Leo Friedman is a member clubs, there was a meeting of more of the Social Democratic League, and than a thousand young workers from Party, of Germany.

interesting questions about it, the which we did visit show us that the secretary of the Young Communist Russian young workers have full League Nucleus in the factory made possibilities for work and for developa speech in which he conveyed the ment. What is more important, we greetings of the factory to the delegation and asked the question: Do the the workers, and that your Stalin Social Democratic leaders go together | factory is also the factory of the with the workers?

This little question caused much embarrasment to the delegates. The delegates blushed, stuttered, and looked from one to the other for an answer. But everybody was silent. At the end, the chairman of the delegation, Comrade Salz said: "Not only the Social democratic leaders, but the whole social democracy goes against the workers.'

It is necessary to emphasize that I In the evening, at the the factory. The chairman of the AT the Stalin f ctory, after acquaint delegation, Comrade Salz, stated: "We have not seen much, but the factories have seen that every factory is yours, workers. It is true, in some places the wages are not so high, but we understand why that is so.

"The social democratic leaders are ready now to try to discredit all our information. But we are not afraid. We will tell the young workers of Germany how good life of the Russian young workers is, how it is developing and progressing. We will follow the example of the Russian workers'



WORKERS SPORT COLUMN

BEST CONDITIONS Here are the conditions under which the young miners of the Soviet Union ive and work! Examine them carefully! See if they are like your conditions or the conditions of any American young workers! 1. No young workers under sixteen works underground. 2. A six-hour day for all workers under elghteen years. 3. No night work for young mi-4. One month a year regular holiday for all young miners with full are working to establish a system

"STABILIZED EUROPE."

The Druses marched on Damascus Druses to the "honorary" statesmen louder than words. Druses can expect nothing from the

GENEVA-Insan Djabir Bey of Da- capitalist nations in the diplomatic ready, the workers, and especially the country, run by the workers and the JERUSALEM-According to the mascus is the special representative halls. They will find solution for their young workers, are better off in Rus- workers government, in the interests news coming in from the Jewish telegraphic agency the French have of National and the special representative problems thru the united efforts of all the struggling masses in Syria in And in Russia things are on the upegraphic agency the French have again bombarded Damascus killing of Nations' council. He was sent there their struggle against imperialism. Grade and, as conditions in industry of the workers and to moke life rich to try and present the case of the The guns of the colonial masses speak become better, so will the living and and pleasant and full of opportunities

East Greets West

Chinese Professors Appeal for Solidarity

A telegram has been received from the professors of the National University, Peking, containing an appeal addressed to all friends of the Chinese nation and the Workers of the world. After pointing out that the Chinese nation is waging a life and death struggle against exploitation at the hands of imperialism, and that the Chinese people are victims of unspeakable suffering, and will suffer still more if imperialist designs are allowed to succeed, the message con-

"We rely on you, working masses of the West, to make it clear to all comrades that our fight is your fight. We feel sure that you will not allow

downtrodden peoples of the East."

tinues:

the imperialist governments any long-little article 1 will show how the longs to the union and other questions not fit to work. Of course this was er to rob our customs and exploit our bosses get rid of the workers. Com- of the same kind. Then they told poor bancombe and the joung workcountry. We rely on your solidarity, rade L-, a member of the English him to go to work. "Long live the alliance of the ex- Branch of the Workers Party went ploited peoples of the West with the to look for a job on Tuesday, Dec. bosses seemed to smell that he was to keep the workers from thinking

FIRE MILITANT

10th. The first place he hit was the a worker that could not be stepped for themselves.

Our Organizational Tasks in Workers' Sports Movement

(From resolution of Fourth Congress, direct leadership of the E. C. of the

out. The workers, thru their factory Y. C. I.) committees, their unions, and their THE Y. C. I. and its sections work | Comintern. Workers' Government, control and run all of Russian industry. When the inside the Red Sports Interna-Russian young workers work, they tional and its national leagues thru work not for bosses who are taking it easy at Palm Beach or in the Adirondack Mountains, but for themselves and their whole class. They

Y. C. I. and in agreement with the The Young Communist Leagues

have to support the work of the Red Workers' Sport and Athletic Leagues. the fractions of the League. As the The Y. C. I. works in the national overwhelming majority of the mem- sections of the R. S. I. thru their bers of the R. S. I. are young work- fractions to give it the character of ers, so the Y. C. I. is particularly in- the class struggle and to make it terested in the work of the R. S. I. powerful in the struggle against fas-To co-ordinate the work and to sup-icism, bourgeois militarism and reac port the political activity of the R. tion. The Y. C. I. sends representagenius and labor of the workers will S. I. the E. C. of the Y. C. I. sends tives to the National and Local Coma representative to the E. C. of the mittees of the Red Sports and Athletic R. S. I. who works with it regularly. Associations to co-ordinate and sup-This work is carried on under the port their work.

Attacks on the Workers

WEINBERG DOES NOT FEAR **DEATH**

BUDAPEST, Hungary.-I. R. A.-The chairman asks Comrade Weinberger, how he has become a Com-

capitalist government, for the benefit Weinberger: When I was a college of the capitalists who care for nothing boy, with 17 years, I was not only resources by paid agents of the cap except to squeeze greater and greater driven from school for revolutionary propaganda, but also sentenced to fif-Because Soviet Russla is a workers' teen years' hard labor. It is impos sible not to fight by all means a social order which dares to do such a thing Chairman: Why have you worked

> Weinberger: (Pointing to the two Horthy-soldiers which open bayonets at his side). As this example shows have had my good reasons not to appear before the bourgeois public. Chairman: You were sentenced to

> fifteen years and exchanged to Mos cow. Did you not fear to return here where death awaits you? Weinberger: We Communists do

> not know the feeling of fear, for we are, as our martyr Levine said, only dead on vacation.

THE LABOR DEFENDER. CHICAGO. Ill.—The first number

of the LABOR DEFENDER, dated January, is now off the press. It is a neatly illustrated publication with interesting articles on several of the most important class war persecutions in recent history.

on. Then they started figuring on the best way of firing him without letting it be known among the other work However, before they took him to ers. He was finally pulled before the his place of work, they questioned company doctor and fired on the YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.-Here in this him a little and asked him if he be- grounds that he had rupture and was ers can get a good idea from this After working for two days the incident to what extent the bosses go

Demand Mella Release

Chicago, The International Labor Defense opened a campaign to save the life of Julio Antonia Mella, Cuban victim of American imperialism, now on hunger strike, when it cabled to General Enoch H. Crowder, American Ambassador to Cuba, that 200,000 American workers affiliated with the . L. D. would be considered responsible for the possible death of the Cuban labor leader.

ZEIGLER TRIALS POSTPONED. ZEIGLER, Ill., Dec. 8, 1925.-The rials of twenty progressive members of the Illinois Miners Union. on a framed up charge of assault with intent to murder was postponed until February 2nd, on motion of defense attorneys when the case was called on November 30th.

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